

## 3rd BRIGADE: Huntsville, Ala.

### The command

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■ 1/100 Engineer Battalion,  
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■ 2/100 Military Police Battalion,  
Nashville, Tenn.

■ 3/100 Signal Command  
Battalion, Huntsville, Ala.

■ 4/100 Chemical Munitions  
Battalion, Huntsville, Ala.

### Outreach programs

Seniors, youth, veterans and civilians, all have benefitted from 3rd Brigade's sense of community involvement. This Army Reserve unit has been actively involved in the Traveling Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall, Toys for Tots, Christmas charities, the community food bank and the Huntsville (Ala.) Track Club's Rocket City Marathon.

Individually, the reserve unit members volunteer their time working with senior citizens, Habitat for Humanity, and other groups for not only the betterment of the community, but for individual satisfaction that comes with being an active community member.

### Volunteerism

In October 2000, four headquarters detachment members helped assemble one of the five mobile Vietnam Veterans Memorial walls and provided information to visitors during the wall's week-long stay. A traveling museum and informational tent was part of The Moving

Wall's exhibit.

"Everything out there was filled with emotion," said Staff Sgt. Maurita Hughes, one of the unit volunteers. "I could handle it until some of the first visitors showed up with memorial hats and flowers they left by one of the panels."

Brigade commander Col. Michael L. Lindsey, a strong supporter of the unit volunteer activities, himself honored veterans by participating in the Huntsville area Veterans Day Parade and activities.

"Generally, the type of person who would volunteer in the Army Reserve is the type of person who has a strong commitment to community welfare and would work toward the betterment of society through volunteering," he said.

### Charity

During the holiday season, 3rd Brigade soldiers didn't forget about others or get bogged down with their individual celebrations.

Spc. Larry N Tharps organized a food drive for the Huntsville Area Food Bank Christmas Charities. Under his direction the headquarters detachment provided nearly \$300 worth of food for the charitable organization.

"This was my first time to do this," he said. "and we'll do it again. Next year it will be larger with greater participation from all the battalions. It's a wonderful feeling to give. It wasn't just me, it was team work."

Tharps also said food bank volunteers were impressed the reservists had such a knowledge of the food bank.

Bringing food to the bank was only part of 3rd Brigade's donation. The food bank benefitted from unit volunteer activities when eight soldiers assisted with a craft fair for children at a local mall.

The mall gave \$500 to the bank

for the soldier's services.

While Tharps organized food bank activities, Maj. Redus V. Tittle organized a Toys for Tots drive to coincide with the unit's holiday party. Each member of the unit was invited to bring a toy to the holiday party.

After Santa Claus, played by Master Sgt. James Wiggins, gave each child a toy, the remaining toys were delivered to a local fire station for the Marine Reserve's Toys for Tots program.

"Even more things came in after party," Tittle said, "and next year we'll get it going early. If we start in October then by November we'll be in full steam."

According to Tittle, the firefighter who received the toys was extremely grateful and surprised by the unit's gift.

### Civic involvement

While some brigade soldiers were involved with holiday activities, others assisted young runners with a children's marathon in December 2000.

Working with the Huntsville Track Club, five brigade soldiers were instrumental in helping support the club's Kids Marathon for area fourth fifth and sixth-graders.

Several Reservists help register the students, worked the information table and drove a van with a time clock attached that led the race. On its return route, the van picked up runners who had dropped out.

### Soldiers

Membership in the 3rd Brigade certainly provides ample opportunities for volunteering as a group, yet some brigade members have added to the volunteering spirit by volunteering as individuals.